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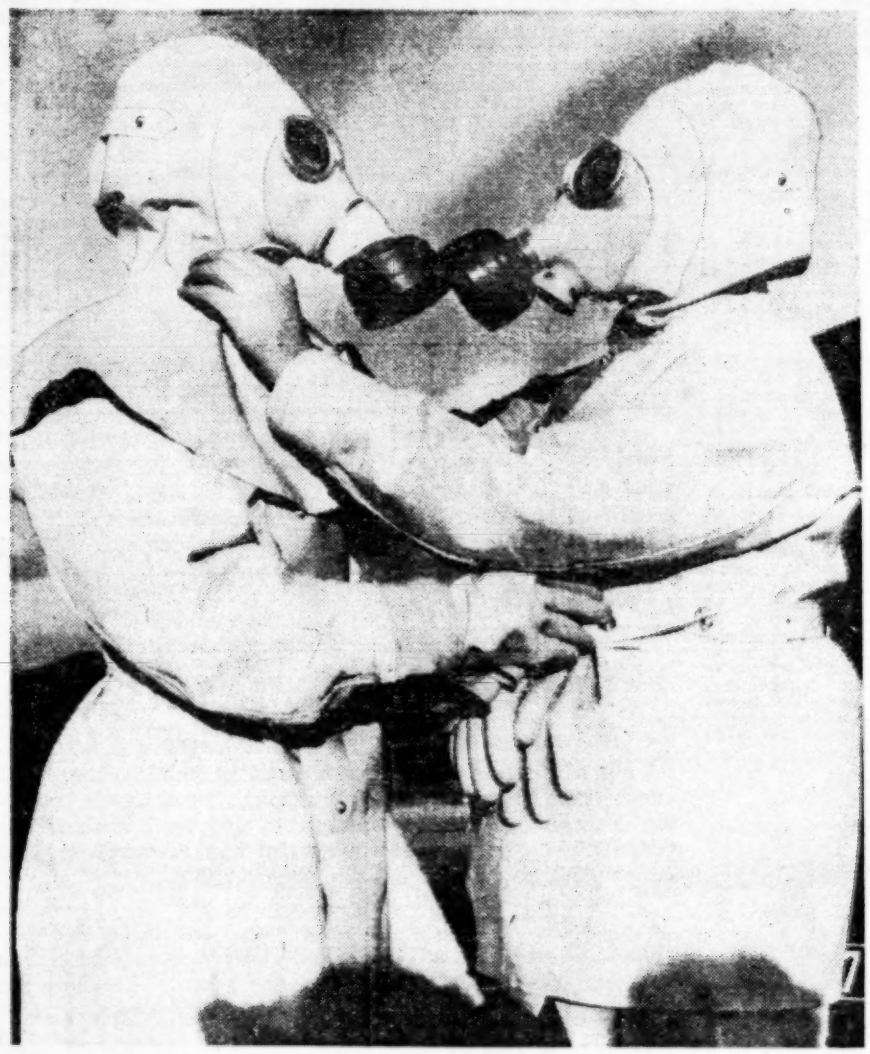

Kiss me, Konrad

On Dec. 11, 1941, the United States declared war on a predatory Germany to help wipe the scourge of the swastika from the face of the earth. Thirteen years later W. Germany, with the Nazis back in the saddle, is our ally, and our picture services demonstrate the latest in Bonn fashions: what the well-dressed German air raid warden is wearing.

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THE GREAT KENTUCKY FRAMEUP

9 informers, all strangers to Bradens, testify at Louisville sedition trial

NINE of the nation's hoariest professional informers were used by the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the Louisville "sedition" trial of Carl and Anne Braden last week. The informers had two things in common: (1) all were former Communists; (2) none knew the Bradens. They were:

Benjamin Gitlow, 63, expelled from the CP in 1929; Leonard Patterson and Manning Johnson, Negro informers; Matthew Cvetic, a "specialist" on the Pittsburgh area; Maurice Malkin, a Communist in the 1930's; Arthur P. Strunk of Dayton, O., an FBI plant; James W. Glatis of Jamaica Plain, Mass., whose special target has been the United Electrical Workers; Martha and John Edmiston of Waynesville, O.

HOW IT BEGAN: The Bradens and four others are on trial for "conspiring to overthrow" the governments of Kentucky and the U.S., under Kentucky's sedition law passed during the Palmer raids in the early 20's. The Bradens had bought a house in an all-white neighborhood and sold it to their friend Andrew Wade IV, a Negro. After the house was bombed, the Bradens and others protested. An investigation of the bombing turned into a grand jury witch-hunt which resulted in the current trial.

These were some highlights of the state's case: questioning Wade as to whether Braden had ever said, "This is a hell of a country"; a demonstration of dialectical materialism with a glass of water; readings from pamphlets and books found in the Braden home, ransacked while they were in jail. Defense lawyer C. Ewbank Tucker read from an article in **The Nation** in which witness Johnson was quoted as saying he would lie under oath "if the interests of my government are at stake." Prosecutor Hamilton told Judge L. R. Curtis: "**The Nation** ought to be on the subversive list if it isn't already."

STEALING & BEATING: In a side incident, defendant Lewis Lubka was arrested and his car searched. Several copies of leaflets by the Wade Defense committee and a Trade Union committee to defend Vernon Bown (indicted earlier for the bombing) were stolen. Hamilton announced: "Let the record show" that [Lubka] was circulating "this kind of trash. . . . Its obvious intent is to influence people in this community."

The thinness of the government's case was indicated in an attempt by several deputies to secure a witness. Bookseller Giles Cooper of Lexington Ky., said they had broken into his home, beaten his 80-year-old mother, jailed him for 30 hours in contempt for refusing. He said some men on the street tried to "shove a thousand into my hand, and intimated they would go up to five, and give me immunity from my past heretical sins" if he would testify in the Braden case. He lived nearly 40 miles away, knew nothing about the case.

MISTRIAL PLEA: Hamilton was scheduled to call 35 witnesses. He said he would prove that Braden was "a director" of at least two of the 29 "subversive" organizations to which he allegedly belongs. The defense said it would call 65 witnesses. The judge was to hear defense arguments for a mistrial on grounds that the material seized in the Bradens' home had been tampered with and contained items not belonging to them.

FOR "MEMBERSHIP"

New trial awaits Potash on 'release'

FURRIERS UNION official Irving Potash will leave Leavenworth prison Dec. 9. He was sentenced to five years in the first Smith Act trial. He will be the first of the original Smith Act victims to end his term.

Release, however, refers only to his leaving Leavenworth, for he will be accompanied to New York, according to attorney John Abt, by a government marshal and lodged in the West St. detention house. Abt told the GUARDIAN that the government will then demand Potash's indictment under the second, or "membership," section of the Smith Act. This clause makes mere Communist Party membership a crime.

The 11 originally were tried in Foley Sq. under only the first, or "conspiracy," clause. The "membership" clause was first used with Claude M. Lightfoot's arrest in Illinois last summer. It was later used against Martha Stone

For report on other Smith Act cases, See story on p. 3

Asher in New Jersey, Albert E. Blumberg in New York and Junius I. Scales in N. Carolina. Abt said detainers under the "membership" section were filed more than a year ago against original Smith Act victims Eugene Dennis, Jack Stachel, Benjamin Davis, John Gates, John Williamson and Carl Winter, and that when they are released they will face similar new trials.

Conviction for "conspiracy" carries a 5-year term: "membership," 10 years.

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WAR & PEACE

The crisis in the Eisenhower administration

By Tabitha Petran

CONFUSION and division in Washington last week—reflecting the policy crisis developing in the wake of recent setbacks to the war program—equaled "anything [the nation's capital] has seen in modern times" (N.Y. **Post**, 12/5). Open rebellion against the President by the Republican Senate leadership, which demands tougher "anti-communist" measures at home and abroad, is but one phase of what Stewart Alsop called (11/29) "an inner crisis of the first magnitude in the American government."

Within the Administration the conflict lies between two groups: the President and a few others who know an atomic stalemate already exists and are trying "to buy time" (Reston, N.Y. **Times**, 12/5), and the powerful group—embracing top Pentagon chiefs, the Dulles brothers, Asst. Secy. of State Robertson, key Far East military leaders—which believes China can and must be destroyed before it consolidates its power. Joint Chiefs chairman Radford, acknowledged leader of the second group, openly preaches the thesis of Chiang Kai-shek's adviser William Bullitt that "so long as Communists are in control anywhere there can be no real peace." The split on Capitol Hill is fed "by leaks to Senators from military leaders" (Drew Pearson, 12/6). But no government, as Stewart Alsop wrote,

> ". . . can go on indefinitely facing two ways on basic issues of policy. . . . You cannot, after all, seek a way of living with the communist world and seek to strangle the Chinese Communist baby in its cradle, all at one and the same time."

STILL THE DILEMMA: Yet the distinction is blurred by this fact: the Eisenhower group does not know what to do with the time it is buying other than to pursue the same policy which led to the present dead end and which,

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Signs of Peace in World Believed More Numerous

Capital Feels Worry Over Recent Drift

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THE MAIL BAG

No end for Hiss?

BRONX, N. Y.

At this time of the year when the fascists should stand in awe of the Master whose life was devoted to love, they display their brutal inclinations by planning to continue the persecution of Alger Hiss. Is there no end to the horror they can perpetrate on humanity?

While the McCarthyites are busy hiring halls to preach their gospel of hatred, the anti-McCarthyites should bestir themselves in revealing the true nature of this threat to everything precious in America's heritage **Miriam Stern**

High-speed cameras

CLEVELAND, OHIO

I listened to the radio broadcast covering the downing of an American plane north of Japan and was rather concerned that one of the American fliers stated they failed to shoot back because they had not had an opportunity to complete taking the pictures which they had been assigned to take, approximately 15 miles off the Russian coast. Just what kind of pictures are these? High-speed cameras are capable of taking pictures of fortifications, etc., at much greater distances than 15 miles.

Evidently, the Russians are determined that no American fliers succeed in taking pictures of Russian fortifications which, from a military standpoint, is understandable. I am quite sure that our War Dept. would refuse to allow Russian planes to hover within 15 miles of California and New York coastlines with high-speed cameras. What right do we have to subject our American boys to such a dynamite-laden assignment? **Name withheld**

Low-speed cameras

GREENWICH, CONN.

I was interested to note (N.Y. World-Telegram, 11/23) how FBI photographers surrounded the Russian HQ on Park Av.—to take pictures of visitors—when Vishinsky's body was put on display. God! Isn't it wonderful?

What if Charlie Bohlen kicked off in Russia, and the "secret police" scampered to the scene, cameras poised, to photograph the masses? My! Wouldn't we chortle and jeer: "The Russian masters are unsure of themselves, the people are restive, the regime is tottering, etc."

Carlyle once said: "Only a sick man is conscious of health." So why, today, are we so conscious of "democracy" and threats thereto? Why must J. Edgar Hoover consort with Eastman Kodak?

I withhold my name. I ain't photogenic. **Name withheld**

Political prisoners

NEW YORK, N.Y.

Attached is a copy of a letter sent to President Eisenhower and various Justice Dept. officials:

"My dear Mr. President:

"The shocking murder, a few days ago, of William W. Remington in the Lewisburg, Pa., federal prison, brings into a clear light a festering sore.

"This letter is my emphatic protest against the humiliations, intimidations and danger to life and limb to which political and labor dissenters are frequently being subjected in federal prisons.

"The situation is a shame and a disgrace, casting a reflection on all Americans. It calls for prompt, drastic improvements in the treatment of political dissenters.

"I earnestly urge you, Mr. President, to use your influence and power so that political prisoners will be treated humanely, and will not be physically endangered."

Abraham Zitron

How crazy can you get dept.

(Streamlined economics division)

Raw material plus labor create wealth. But, in America, nobody works hard in the grinding physical sense. So the word "labor" can be changed to "time." After all, factories contract for the time of a worker, and he is paid by time.

—Steel, Nov. 29.

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Unemployment increases our standard of living. . . . It is obvious, then, that the first step toward more prosperity and a higher standard of living is a sizable group of unemployed. Another for instance: It is good that more small businesses go broke than big ones.

—Elmer Roessner's "Small Business" column, Worcester (Mass.) Telegram, Nov. 30.

One-year free sub to sender of each item published under this heading. Double-header winners: D.C., New York; J. Sumner, Worcester.

Voice of hysteria

PORTLAND, ORE.

Even in this far-off corner of the U.S., the voice of hysteria has made itself heard, and a bitter battle for academic freedom is being fought by those of the faculty and student body who aren't too apathetic to care.

The GUARDIAN deserves heartfelt thanks for keeping us from being totally depressed by the local papers—and for being such a wonderful weapon against the current attacks on America's freedoms.

Erika Zusi

Christianity and trade

NEW BEDFORD, MASS.

At the present moment, America is loaded with charity organizations after 150 years of making laws. It is impossible for this country to take the leadership of the world with such a record. It is noticeable that with the growth of religion comes the growth of evil. If Christians are sincere, the remedy is economic. Fifty countries are trading with the Soviet Union now and no talk of war.

Peace for trade

Lancaster in Daily Express, London

"You know, darling, there's really something intensely exciting about modern art!"

Manhattan's book

NEW YORK, N.Y.

Avro Manhattan's **Catholic Imperialism and World Freedom** may be obtained from **The Churchman**, 118 E. 28th St., New York 16, N.Y., or the Friendship Liberal League, 5826 Westford Road, Philadelphia, Pa. **Alice Orange**

Seeds of anger

WALNUTPORT, PA.

I encloses $1.50 for **Seeds of Destruction**. I hope this will at least impress you with my utmost interest in Cedric Belfrage. I am to say the least very angry because of the attempt to commit such an outrage. I am hoping that there will be enough help coming to him from the open-minded and alert citizens of the U.S. It is galling to me and I will continue to offer my support until this threat is forever removed.

John R. Williams

Truth here too

NEW YORK, N.Y.

The British **Manchester Guardian** commented incisively on the "political animus" of the attempt by U.S. Justice Dept. agents to get from Englishmen material to use against Owen Lattimore. This drew a letter from David H. Stevens of Ephraim, Wis., to that paper that "very many Americans" share his shame that "we need to go abroad to find that kind of truth." I have written as follows to the **M. G.**:

"Mr. Stevens' conscience is affected, as is that of innumerable other Americans by the shameful behavior of men in our highest places; but when he attempts to speak for all of us he impugns us in your eyes unwittingly. Has he investigated to determine whether an opposition press exists here of equal courage? I could furnish him with many names, such as the NATIONAL GUARDIAN of this city, to mention only one."

Walter L. Salmon

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"We are often told that the poor are grateful for charity. . . . Why should they be grateful for the crumbs that fall from the rich man's table? They should be seated at the board, and are beginning to know it."

—OSCAR WILDE.

REPORT TO READERS

The most thoughtful gift

SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSE TONIGHT will be thinking of friends to be remembered at holiday time with cards and gifts, visits and invitations. We ask you to consider sending some of them introductory gift subs to the GUARDIAN, as a most thoughtful and persevering kind of remembrance.

We don't mean all your cousins, uncles and aunts. We do mean those people with whom you have a different kinship, a kinship in all the great endeavors in which you have participated in these frightened years. You know, as we know, that so many of these people do not receive from any source the kind of information and straight-forward view the GUARDIAN brings, week in and week out. Yet you do agree, we are sure, that only an ever-widening flow of honest news, balanced judgment and humane outlook can bring about the understanding which is vital to the accomplishment of a secure peace on earth and full democracy at home.

WE HAVE WRITTEN YOU a holiday letter, enclosing a multiple gift sub blank and postage-paid reply envelope. Many have responded already; many more have not. Won't you select a number of your friends now, and write them down for $1 introductory gift subs? Please let your friends know that you are sending them the paper. They will begin receiving it, wrapped to save wear and tear, with the next issue after we receive your order.

For the GUARDIAN's future, there is no holiday gift which would excite us more than a mountain of new readers from among the many good friends of present GUARDIAN subscribers.

—THE EDITORS.

P. S.: We hope you haven't mislaid our holiday letter to you, because it stressed two non-seasonal points; your renewal if due and your sustaining help beyond your renewal, either in the form of a contribution now or a "Buck-a-Month" pledge for 1955. May we expect to hear from you?

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Sweet roach

HAVERHILL, MASS.

It was good to read Lawrence Emery's article about the food tainted by rats. People should also be warned not to buy lumpy sugar.

A short while ago, I purchased a 5-lb. bag of sugar from an A&P chain store. I noted that the bags were all piled up in flat rows over the heat; to remove I suppose, the lumps in the sugar. The bags were all hot.

When I opened the bag and filled a container and also filled a clean sugar bowl with some of the sugar, there was a cockroach in the sugar bowl. It was dead and had been bleached by the heat.

Because the store purchased the sugar sealed into the bag, I did not blame the store but the sugar company where the store bought the stuff. **Haverhill Reader**

Lesson in zoology

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Although generally communicating its news in "fine literary form, the GUARDIAN in its Nov. 22, 1954, issue made a slip which unfortunately is characteristic of many other newspapers, and appears to be current "journalese." In the article on Ellis Island, the GUARDIAN stated that "deportable males are now jailed in New York City's West St. federal house of detention and in White Plains, and females in Eastview, Westchester County."

What males are you referring to? Male cats, male dogs, or male trained seals? I had always imagined that the adult male of homo sapiens was known as a "man," and the female as a "woman." If we believe in promoting the dignity of mankind, we should stop the use of appellations which zoologically are justifiable only for the lower animals.

There's the story about the man whose curiosity was aroused by the sign in front of a hamburger joint, reading "Our Hamburgers Are Not Touched by Human Hands." On investigating in the rear of the building, he found a gorilla installed in the kitchen, preparing the meat into patties, and frying them. **Herbert Shapiro**

President Tubman of Liberia pays a visit to a fellow republic

By Eugene Gordon

PRESIDENT William Vacanarat Shadrach Tubman of the 108-year-old republic of Liberia arrived in the U.S. Oct. 14 on a trip "carefully timed," wrote columnist Drew Pearson, "to coincide with the election campaign, in order to help win Negro votes for the Republicans." Democrats won in such areas of concentrated Negro voting as Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania. His visits to Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana gained the Republicans nothing.

A publicized "invitation" to Tubman from Georgia Gov. Herman Talmadge turned out to be a "diplomatic" move by Liberian Ambassador to the U.S. Clarence L. Simpson, who said he neither expected nor desired the Negro President to be officially greeted by Talmadge. Simpson told the Baltimore **Afro-American** (11/16) he had asked Talmadge to send the "invitation" because, having expected him to snub Tubman, "I realized it would not be diplomatic protocol for the President to visit the state capital [Atlanta] without official invitation from the Governor." The **Afro** quoted distinguished U.S. Negroes against Tubman's even going to Georgia. However, wishing to see his mother's Atlanta birthplace, he accepted invitations from Atlanta University and Moorehouse College, Negro.

NOT AT HOME: Both Alabama's Gov. Gordon Persons and Georgia's Talmadge officially snubbed the visiting President, but Tubman told reporters: "I could not conscientiously and truthfully say [Talmadge] intentionally failed to meet me." Newspapers said the Governor was dedicating a hospital outside Atlanta.

The Pittsburgh **Courier** (12/4) disclosed a "mysterious occurrence" involving the Tubman party en route to Atlanta; Tubman mentioned it in a letter to Langston University pres. G. L. Harrison, Oklahoma City, explaining why a visit to Oklahoma was canceled:

> ". . . On my way from Alabama to Atlanta, five cars, including the two special Pullman cars in which my party and I were traveling, became uncoupled from the speeding train about 2 o'clock one night just outside of Montgomery, Ala., and shook me up terribly. . . . Added to that, I had a great deal of excitement when the train crushed a woman to death (between Tuskegee, Ala., and Atlanta). The train thereafter crashed into and demolished a car. . . ."

A New Orleans committee to entertain Tubman called off his Louisiana tour after a private dinner in his honor aboard a yacht on the Mississippi; it didn't say whether Gov. Robert D. Kinnon's ignoring the distinguished visitor influenced the action. It said Tubman was "ill."

Slights by Southern politicians aside, Tubman was dined, wined and wooed. Aware of his scheduled visit on Nov. 1 to FDR's Hyde Park home, N.Y. Republican Gov. Dewey maneuvered him into activities confining him to N.Y. City. Special attention was given Harlem. Negroes who went to the polls next day overwhelmingly voted Democrat. Tubman later visited Hyde Park.

THE BUTTRESS: At a Chicago Assn. of Commerce luncheon, Tubman told men representing billions in private investment capital that the "prosperity of the free world" would be further "buttressed" by "investment insured against expropriation." Liberia, essential segment of the "free world," he reminded Detroit newsmen, had consistently encouraged foreign capital to come in and develop the republic's natural resources."

The Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. entered Liberia 28 years ago. Tubman told the luncheon that critics who referred to his country as "Firestone's square tire" did not understand how the contract came about. With Liberia unable longer to resist pressure by "European Powers"—England on one side and France on the other—"things became so bad that we sent a delegation to President Taft, asking the U.S. to take over Liberia as a colony."

The U.S. didn't—directly. When Firestone "announced its policy of seeking fields where Americans could grow their own rubber, we induced the company to invest in Liberia." Since then the contract had been "revised a dozen times," Firestone paying "large revenues to the Liberian government." (Moody's **Manual of Investment** says that in 1926 Firestone acquired from Liberia a 99-year option to lease 1,000,000 acres of jungle for development as rubber plantations. Goodyear Rubber and Republic Steel have since gone in to extract Liberia's resources.

Liberia is described by U.S. government sources as "of great strategic importance to the free world."

Sun-Reporter, San Francisco

"One p'ace he has never been admitted."

How to win friends

Time (11/15) tells how, when four passengers off a plane from London went to Montreal's Windsor Hotel, the first three got rooms and the fourth, a Negro, was told "the airline mixed up the reservations" and was sent to a cheaper hotel.

The Negro was Grantley Adams, Premier of the British colony of Barbados and "a staunch promoter of Canada-West Indies trade." He said afterwards: "I walked away feeling I would never want to put foot on Canadian soil again."

THE LAW

3 Denver Smith Act defendants 5 months in jail because bail is set too high

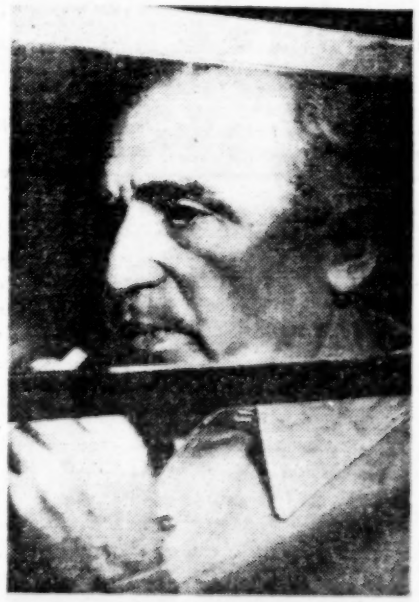
THREE of the seven Smith Act victims jailed in Colorado Aug. 1 for "conspiring to teach and advocate" are still in prison, unable to raise bail which the Denver Civil Liberties Union said was "clearly excessive." They are Lewis Johnson, $15,000, Mrs. Anna Correa Bary, $25,000, and her husband Arthur, $30,000. All are working people dependent, when free, on a daily wage.

Arthur Bary is said by court-appointed lung specialists to be suffering from bronchiectasis—dilation of one or more of the larger bronchial tubes—for which the only known remedy is good food, fresh air and rest. He has twice been put in the punishment cell, a dim-lit, windowless room minus table or chairs and with the bunk so constructed that the prisoner must sit hunched over.

"The bail amounts here are so high," according to the ACLU, "as to provide punishment before conviction, in violation of the democratic tradition that there be a normal 'presumption of innocence' for all defendants." The 8th Amendment "was intended by its authors to protect dissenters and nonconformists as well as the orthodox," the ACLU added, quoting Dist. Judge Kirkpatrick's assertion: "Bail is not fixed to keep a person in jail."

"EXTRA PUNISHMENT": Harold Zepelin had been held with Johnson and the Barys until his parents on Nov. 22 posted $15,000. Pointing out that he had had to spend "114 days in jail without being convicted of any crime," Zepelin publicly appealed for help to

> ". . . my co-defendants . . . [who] are compelled to remain in jail because of the Appeals Court's refusal to lower their bail and their families' inability to raise the tremendous sums required. . . . The $25,000 bail required of Mrs. Bary stands out as extra punishment and discrimination against her because she is a leader of the Mexican people's struggle for first-class citizenship. Bail is supposed to be set in accordance with financial ability. But how can Mexican people, exploited as they are, be expected to raise $25,000? The combined sum of $55,000 for Mr. and Mrs. Bary is the same as no bail."



IRVING POTASH

For story of his release, see p. 1

Defendants released earlier on $5,000 bail each were Maia Scherrer, her husband Joseph, and Mrs. Patricia Blau. Mrs. Scherrer is now secy. of the Colo. Committee to Protect Civil Liberties (Room 325, Cooper Bldg., Denver), which she helped organize. In New York recently, Mrs. Scherrer told the GUARDIAN Mrs. Bary was born 29 years ago in New Jersey of Mexican parentage and was taken to Denver when she was 7. Her father, a textile worker in the east, became a beet worker and a union official in Colorado. She has been manhandled and jailed several times for militant strike action.

UNWANTED DEFENDERS: The seven defendants are now fighting for the right to their own individual attorneys. The eleven "of Denver's most prominent lawyers appointed . . . to defend seven top Communist leaders (**Rocky Mountain News**, 10/22), Mrs. Scherrer said, are not opposed by the defendants because "we expected them to agree with our political ideas, but because we did expect a harmonious relationship rather than mere token representation."

Thus far handicaped in efforts to prepare their defense, the seven are scheduled for trial Jan. 17.

PERPETUAL JEOPARDY: As the Smith net moved south it entrapped Junius Irving Scales, grand-nephew of one-time N. Carolina Gov. A. M. Scales, under its "membership" clause.

Scales' arrest brought the number of Smith Act victims to 131.

The prophet

Another bit of schooling which I had as a Jew was the study of the Old Testament, which I highly recommend to you, Senator [McCarthy], and your counsel and particularly Book 7 of the Psalms, which reads:

His mischief shall return upon his own head,

And his violence shall come down upon his own pate.

—From the statement of Dr. Irving Peress before the McCarthy Committee, Feb. 18, 1954.

We couldn't have said it better

The following is a description of the GUARDIAN's Holiday Greeting Cards which appeared in the Nov. 26 issue of The New Counterattack, *which boasts that it created the blacklist in entertainment and industry. After reading this we feel you'll be moved to turn to page 12 and order a set of cards. They are sold at 8 for $1.*

"As its contribution to the holiday season, the 'National Guardian' . . . is offering a bargain batch of eight greeting cards 'each with a peace or humane motif.' . . . Here is a brief description of the messages they contain.

"Three feature a Picasso-like dove of 'peace!' Two of these include the sentiment of 'peace on earth.' Another shows children of all nations watching a sky filled with stars that spell out 'peace on earth.' On another's cover, a child's electric train scoots along tracks that spell out 'Noel.' But open the card and the tracks spell 'peace.' Another card pictures a soldier trudging to Valley Forge with a small Christmas tree.

"Then comes the topper . . . the cover is divided into six panels and prescribes the following for a 'bright and happy 1955': First panel shows American and Soviet chess players and the slogan is 'friendly competitions thaw cold war.' Then comes 'U.S. labor fights back,' showing a brawny gent flexing his muscles. Next is a scrawled face (McCarthy's) and the tender sentiment of 'anti-McCarthy movement swells.' Following that, a scene of the Kremlin, Eiffel tower and a skyscraper is entitled 'World without war for the first time in years.' In the next panel, a farmer is haranguing a crowd by the Capitol and waving his pitchfork under the caption of 'Grass roots opposition to Billionaire govt.' Finally a dismembered figure of Mars . . . is entitled 'Aggressive alliance show cracks.'"

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'Violating Soviet territory'

The St. Petersburg (Fla.) **Times** reporter Lowell Brandle quoted **AP** correspondent Robert Eunson as telling a Tampa, Fla., convention of **AP** managing editors that most U.S. planes shot down in "incidents" north of Japan were reconnaisance planes violating Soviet territory. Eunson added: "What would American fighter planes do if the Russians flew a photo plane over our bases? Personally, I don't think the Russians like the idea of shooting down our aircraft, because it goes against the grain of their peace offensive over the world. . . . It is bad publicity for them."

Asked if he could vouch for the accuracy of his reporting (**AP** carried no such account in its story on the convention), Brandle replied: "It is accurate." The most recent "incident" occurred two weeks ago when a photo reconnaisance plane was shot down north of Japan; President Eisenhower said it was fired upon over disputed territory.

War & Peace

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if carried further, can only arrive at the Knowland-Radford conclusion. Secy. Dulles gave perfect expression to this bankruptcy when, in opposing Knowland's proposed naval blockade, he denied U. S. policies are failing and said: "The greatest contribution we can make to peace is to be ready to fight."

U. S. policy is "already tough—perhaps as tough as it can be without provoking war" (Ray Cromley, **Wall St. Journal**, 12/2). Unable to make war ("these are the brutal and frustrating facts of the power relationships in the world today," said **WSJ**, 11/30), the Administration remains predominantly staffed with the loudest war advocates and rigidly committed to war-preparations policies. But if a "way of living with the communist world" is to be found — the imperative imposed on Washington by Soviet H-bomb equality — settlements recognizing today's changed power realities must be made. Washington's rigidity, designed to prevent such settlements, can only produce new crises, which the opposition "already organizing, its propaganda . . . everywhere" (Doris Fleeson, **N. Y. Post**, 11/29) will try to exploit.

THE JAILED AIRMEN: A new furore has been whipped up over China's jailing of 13 U. S. airmen for espionage; and the way this has been exploited by both Knowland and Eisenhower factions, to arrest the forces moving toward settlement, is a case in point. "The President will not try to silence Knowland," said Reston (11/29); "indeed, there may be some advantage in having him cry havoc. . . ."

The furore has enabled Washington to line up its allies behind a flat refusal to reopen Korean negotiations; to sign its military pact with Chiang without a ripple of criticism; to block a British-led allied move to relax the embargo on China trade; and probably to torpedo efforts in UN to end Chiang's "little war" in the China seas.

Drawing by Dyad, London

"Just say 'Another lawful American plane shot down by the bandits.'"

Korea: setback to a settlement

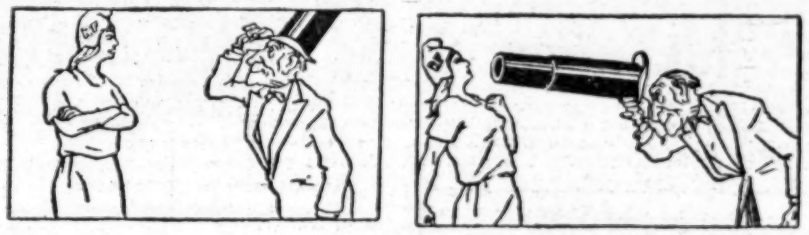
At last spring's Geneva conference, most U. S. allies in the Korean War agreed that foreign troops must be withdrawn, the divided country unified by elections supervised by some neutral body (not UN which was a belligerent). Proposals for agreement on principles presented by Britain's Eden and the U. S. S. R.'s Molotov were almost identical. Molotov's plan was hailed by western delegates, called "moderate and very interesting" by U. S. Undersecy. of State Bedell Smith. Smith was then replaced by Ambassador Johnson who vetoed the whole plan.

With the Korean question on the agenda of this UN session, Asian and W. European delegations showed such strong sentiment for reconvening the Geneva conference that Washington was rumored resigned to its inability to block reopening of some kind of talks. Then came the death of the U. S. S. R.'s Vishinsky, who had done so much to achieve a constructive atmosphere at UN, and the Chinese announcement about the U. S. flyers. Washington seized on the latter "to build a fire under the Peking regime" (**Christian Science Monitor**, 11/27), and to get allied backing for its stand that the other side must accept UN supervision of Western-style elections before talks could be held. But U. S. control of the UN majority could not, said the U. S. S. R.'s Jacob Malik, conceal from the world that it was blocking all moves toward a Korean settlement.

Pact makes Chiang threat to peace 'official'

On Dec. 2 Washington signed a pact with Chiang, under negotiation for a year. It formalizes what is in effect the U. S. seizure of China's island Formosa, and threatens retaliation if China tries to take it back. Although interpreted in the Western press as a "re-leashing" of Chiang, it still permits his harassing attacks on the mainland and coastal shipping. Any attempt to retake the mainland would obviously require U. S. participation on a huge scale, pact or no pact. But the pact is a long-range commitment to the discredited Chiang forces and hence to a policy of no settlement in Asia.

During the Geneva conference Chiang's war in the Formosa Straits flared anew; during the summer top U. S. brass visited Chiang-held islands just off the China coast; U. S. newsmen (N. Y. **Herald Tribune's** Homer Bigart, **U. S. News'** Robert P. Martin, etc.) provided eye-witness documentation of U. S. participation in attacks on the mainland and on merchant ships. U. S. Admiral Stump, in an interview with **U. S. News** (8/27), acknowledged Chiang's attacks on shipping; when asked if U. S. aircraft spot ships heading for China ports for the benefit of Chiang's forces, he replied: "We conduct patrols over seas of the ocean in which we have an interest."



Literary Gazette, Moscow

"I hope, madam . . . that we can come to an agreement!"

ANOTHER BRUSH-OFF: The U.S.S.R. got on the agenda of this UN session two items dealing with the U. S. role in Chiang's war. Since most of the ships attacked have been British, and since U. S. officials and press boast of U. S. operations of all kinds against China, debates on these items could have been highly embarrassing.

By bringing before UN its charge that China has violated the Korean truce by sentencing the U. S. flyers, Washington has assured a brushing-off of the Soviet charges in the session's closing days. Yet the very incident of the airmen shows that no Far Eastern problem can be settled unless the U. S. will negotiate with Peking itself. As Joseph C. Harsch pointed out (**CSM**, 11/26), the U. S. can either go to war over the airmen and lose all its allies including Japan, or it has to engage

> ". . . in some form of political negotiation [which] involves the U. S. in what might be called illicit diplomatic recognition."

Washington's use of UN in its campaign against China will further discredit UN's moral authority, and probably still further postpone China's admission. The Korean armistice—as Burma's and Syria's delegations said in refusing to vote to place the U. S. charge on the UN agenda—provides that armistice violations should be brought before the Korean Armistice Commission. Even if the U. S. charge has substance, the U. S. act in placing it before UN itself violates the armistice agreements; it will hardly get the flyers freed, or yield anything but a heating-up of the international atmosphere.

Maneuverings on Germany

On the other side of the world in Europe, Washington's attempts to buck forces demanding settlement with the U. S. S. R. have yet to reach so acute a dilemma. Most commentators expect the Paris accords on W. German rearmament to be ratified by France, although the usually acute **Tribune des Nations** editor Andre Ulmann has flatly prophesied they will not. But French Premier Mendes-France's proposal for a conference with Moscow in May shows the maneuverings Western governments must engage in to divert public opposition to German rearmament. Last week's Moscow conference, attended only by E. European governments with China as an observer, was more than a propaganda gesture; it set up outlines for a security system with the door held open to Western participation. The London **Economist** has noted that the Soviet-proposed all-Europe security system is an alternative to the Western military bloc and "a great deal more will yet be heard of it."

U. S. policy cannot stand still. The President's effort to "buy time" gives the American people an opportunity to insist upon real settlements, beginning with recognition of China and its admission to UN, and negotiations with Moscow to prevent W. German rearmament.

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"THE SEVEN GREAT CRUSADES"

Marcantonio memorial held in N. Y.

THE late Vito Marcantonio's barber, tenants whom he helped, men and women who campaigned with him paid tribute Dec. 7 at a memorial meeting in Manhattan Center. They shared the platform with W. E. B. DuBois, Gilberto Concepcion de Gracia, Puerto Rican Senator, Leonard Covello, principal of Benjamin Franklin High School, Arthur Schutzer, Marcantonio's law partner, and Manuel Medina, his long-time aide. Pianist Ray Lev played Beethoven's solemn "Death of a Hero."

Congressmen John A. Blatnik (D-Minn.) and Arthur G. Klein (D-N.Y.) sent messages regretting their inability to attend and paying their respects to a colleague they disagreed with but always admired. Former Cong. John T. Bernard of Minnesota, who single-handed fought U.S. non-intervention policy in the Spanish civil war, chaired the meeting, which was held under the auspices of the Vito Marcantonio Memorial.

Dr. DuBois traced Marcantonio's "seven great crusades": against the Korean War and the containment or destruction of communism by force, for co-existence, civil rights, readjustment of the tax burden, democracy for Negro, white and the foreign born, the right of the accused to legal defense. He summed up Marcantonio's

VITO MARCANTONIO
"We're going to win"

foreign policy: "Let us sit down together," and said: "Of all people living in America there was none who believed in America more than Marc."

"AN ETERNAL IDEA": Dr. Concepcion de Gracia, who flew from Puerto Rico for the meeting, spoke briefly in English and then offered a passionate tribute in Spanish. He said: "Marcantonio is alive. He is an idea, the idea of liberty and justice for all the world—an eternal idea." Speaking as a Puerto Rican, an old friend of Marcantonio's and president of Puerto Rico's Independence Party, he spoke of the "tears in Puerto Rican eyes" for the man who had fought for the independence of Puerto Rico in Congress and in the streets, "the greatest friend" that cause had.

Schutzer recalled that four days before his death Marcantonio had viewed his chances in the Congressional election he had already entered and said: "We're going to win." Schutzer closed: "We will, Marc, the people and you."

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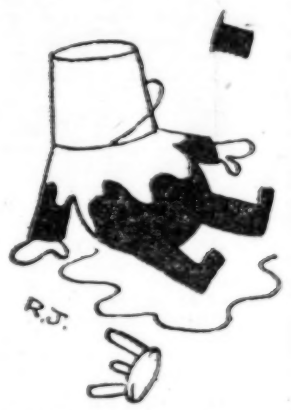
the SPECTATOR

Morning, noon and silence

WHEN milking was a handicraft, many a cow would stand moo-eyed, contentedly contributing to a needful world, and then suddenly kick over the full pail. For this you could blame a cow's whim, or a gadding fly, and forgive the lapse.

Book publishers are more enigmatic than cows. When a top publisher lays out at least $12,000 on a pail of literary milk brimming with the cream of good writing about America as it is, in these thirsty days we cry hosanna. But when it seems to kick the bucket over by taking no steps to make the book known, The Spectator may be pardoned for asking the identity of the gadfly, if any, which brings this essentially un-capitalistic performance about.



The publisher in question is G. P. Putnam's Sons; the book is **Morning, Noon & Night**, by Lars Lawrence, a powerful panorama of conflict in Reata, a mining town in New Mexico. Putnam's announces on the flyleaf that this is the first volume of a longer work entitled **The Seed**; the second volume is scheduled for publication next Spring.

ANOTHER FOR THE VALLEY? An impressive promise, in view of the nature of the book. Yet it has been out for two months, and nobody we know of has yet seen an advertisement for it. Some reviews are rumored to have appeared, but we know nobody who has seen any of those either. Always the optimist and hoping to be shown, The Spectator impolitely asks: Has **Morning, Noon & Night** been ordered into the Valley of Death because Putnam's responded to cannons to the right of them? Do they feel that "someone blundeerd" by accepting the novel in the first place?

Blunder, hell. When an irresistible piece of writing meets an editor who can be moved, the reading public should feel the impact. Why the smothering silence? Are the truths and the implications too vivid in the description of Reata, New Mexico, gone mad for a day?

THE MASK AND THE FACE: Reata's Chamber of Conimerce crowd has hypocritically extolled the good old western virtues of folks jes' livin' together and jes' lovin' each other, simultaneously practicing the meanest discrimination. One morning a group of impoverished miners—mostly Mexican immigrants in danger of dispossession from their shanties—assemble peacefully at the courthouse to protest the arrest of one of their spokesmen.

A confused mischance sparks a riot. And then author Lawrence rips the mask off smiling, sunbaked Reata. Festering animosities flare up like a ghastly epidemic. Corral 'em all—foreigners, unionists, communists, Negroes, dissenters! There is blood and rape, never because the author has an eye on a movie sale, but only because he understands the anti-social forces that plunge into violence. There is heroism among the victims, but no heroics. The novelist looses a torrent of events so breath-taking—often humorous and touching—that the few minor faults are twigs which have no effect on the rapids.

NOW HOW ABOUT IT? Like Beatrice Griffin, author of **American Me**, Lawrence has a sharp ear for the speech of Mexican people, but he is too advanced a student of the social scene to merely reproduce quaintness. Like Steinbeck, Lawrence shows sympathy without sentimentality. Unlike Steinbeck, he is not touched by mysticism, nor is he distracted by the exotic from a concern with and a belief in people. Above all he is no cagey opportunist. He calls a communist a communist, and he presents them in the unfolding of the story as human beings with virtues and weaknesses, not as horned monsters nor as walking mimeograph machines.

It is to Putnam's credit that they produced an honest, strong book in these times. Now how about distribution? They owe it to the public to make the decision whether **Morning, Noon & Night** should be praised or damned on its own merits. The integrity of the author demands this respectful treatment. Witness his dedication—a passage from a panel of the murals at Champingo, Mexico, by Diego Rivera and his co-workers:

> "To all who have fallen and to all the thousands who have yet to fall in the fight for the land, to make it free, and for the right of all men to fructify, by the toil of their own hands, the earth already rich with the blood, the bones, the brawn and the brains of those who have given their lives to this end —this work is devotedly dedicated by those who labored to create it. . . ."

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BLACKOUT ON IRAN AND GUATEMALA

Washington-sponsored terror

By Kumar Goshal

A TRANSATLANTIC plane brought a handsome young couple and a retinue of six to New York last week: the Shah of Iran with his mink-coated queen, here for a "social" visit in which he would "test" U.S. ski-ing slopes and take in Broadway's **The Pajama Game.** He expressed gratitude "for the valuable help [the U.S.] government and nation extended to us during possibly the darkest days of modern history" (**N.Y. Times,** 12/7). Last year the Shah fled his country and only got his throne

THE SHAH OF IRAN
The hot dog is just dressing

back through the Washington-engineered coup which established the pro-Nazi Gen. Zahedi as Iran's Premier.

Press interviewers asked no questions about the blood-bath now in progress in Zahedi's Iran: perhaps they did not know about it, for there has been an almost total blackout on the terror raging in countries whose governments Washington has recently helped overthrow, especially Iran and Guatemala.

BLOOD HARVEST: But in France and Mexico at least, the news was coming through. In Iran, Paris' **France-Observateur** reported on Oct. 28 that the "wave of terror" beginning "on the eve of the oil accord ratification" had "taken on incredible dimensions," and:

- First victim was the "octogenarian anti-Communist," theologian and former Justice Minister Ali Laffie, who 18 years ago tried 53 of the original Tudeh (Leftist coalition) Party members. Because he opposed the oil accord, "about 100 government-paid thugs broke into his home, belabored him with blows, smashing one eye and breaking his left arm."
- Soon after, mass arrests of army officers accused of Tudeh sympathies began; over 1,000 of 7,000 army officers were arrested, 650 being jailed in 60 days. **Reuter's** correspondent cabled as a fact that "the army purge was ordered by the Americans."

A week later the same paper wrote:

- Six military tribunals in Teheran continued trials of officers, passing 50 death sentences in less than three weeks. The Senate ratified a law forbidding any public employe from belonging to any political group.
- "These excesses . . . run up against the still-silent hostility of the Iranian people. . . . The newspaper **Khandaniha** dared to publish a cartoon criticizing the speed of justice. Reports of the courageous deaths of the first officers executed brought official denials and an order not to publish anything [but] the government version."
- The army is alarmed because those arrested are top officers; "its elite is being sacrificed to the 'anti-Communist' fury of Zahedi. All who ever opposed those in power are dragged before military tribunals after being tortured." Many are executed without trial. "Authorities deliver suicide certificates for officers or civilians whose bodies are nevertheless found full of bullets."

MOURNING FAMILIES: Paris' **Tribune des Nations** (11/12) reported "redoubled activity" by the British since the pact giving major control of Iran's oil to the U.S.; the British were promoting their own concept of an Iran-Turkey-Arab States pact "distinct from the Turkey-Pakistan pact which the Americans have made their particular instrument." Meanwhile, the paper said, violent repression continues: "a great many Iranian families are in mourning following last weeks' massacres." A worried government has passed a law virtually threatening "with death any person expressing a contrary opinion"; extended martial law for three months; and opened a supplementary credit of 20 million rials to "maintain order in case of unforeseen events."

A week later **T des N** reported from Iran that, according to sources believed reliable, the Zahedi government is preparing a new trial of former Premier Mossadegh, who has served half of a three-year sentence: "means are being sought to keep him in prison" since Mossadegh "at liberty, even though under surveillance, would be a grave danger to the regime."

Let them know

As the GUARDIAN pointed out last week, every U.S. taxpayer puts $10 a year into the Washington pot for the activities of the Central Intelligence Agency, which publicly boasts of engineering the Iran and Guatemala coups resulting in the present blood-baths. We urge you to:

- **Let your Congressman and Senators know how you feel about it;**
- **Keep the protests pouring in to Guatemalan Ambassador Jose Cruz Salazar, 1614 18th St., N.W., Washington D.C., and to Iranian Ambassador Nazrollah Entezam, 3005 Massachusetts Av., Washington, D.C.**

SALESMAN OF DEATH?
John E. Peurifoy pulled the strings for the overthrow of the Arbenz government in Guatemala. His devoted wife eulogized him in a poem entitled "Pistol-packin' Peurifoy." Now he has been sent to Thailand to prop up the corrupt regime there against the people.

AMBASSADOR "EXPLAINS": On Nov. 22 the GUARDIAN asked readers to protest to Guatemalan Ambassador Jose Luis Cruz Salazar against the scheduled execution of 20 supporters of the overthrown Arbenz regime, to be followed by 80 more executions. Protests must have been world-wide and powerful: Ambassador Cruz Salazar hastily called a press conference, denied his government had "ordered any mass executions of political enemies," accused the **Daily Worker** and the GUARDIAN of "misleading statements."

Cruz stated that while 5,000 of those arrested after Castillo seized power have been released, others, including "those accused of murdering 500 persons," are being tried in courts; "a firing squad is the system used to execute" the death penalty. (The GUARDIAN did not say that those ordered executed were not tried; but the quality of justice can be gauged by the fact that many are tried in Star Chamber proceedings without right of appeal by an anonymous "Committee against Communism." About the 500 persons "tortured and killed" by the Arbenz regime, **NYT** quoted Arbenz himself as calling them "victims of internecine fighting in Col. Castillo's army.")

STRANGE FRUIT: On the evident terror in Guatemala the general press blackout continued, but Helen Travis reported to the **Daily Worker** (12/6) from Mexico that:

- In addition to the overflowing jails—exposed in the Aug. 16 **CIO News**—there are in Guatemala three concentration camps (Peten, Ciquimula, and Tiquisate) jammed with Arbenz supporters. It is rumored that 12 to 14 are killed daily in Tiquisate.
- Landlords have been retaliating against peasants who participated in Arbenz' land reform program, burning their homes and crops; even the reactionary press (e.g., **La Hora**) has reported some of these atrocities.
- Overcrowding, unsanitary conditions and insufficient food resulted in influenza epidemics and skin diseases in the Civil Guard Detention Headquarters and the Esquintla and Santa Teresa jails, where prisoners are reduced to eating banana peels.

T des N (11/19) reported from Guatemala that the "white terror" there was designed to frighten potentially democratic elements in the army and police, and to prolong the "state of emergency" which keeps Castillo in power. "The white terror is one of the few points of agreement in the coalition which, with the [U.S.] State Dept.'s massive support, overthrew the Arbenz government." **T des N** said members of Castillo's "coalition" and of his "liberation" army were fighting over "the spoils of their enterprise"; the clergy were claiming their share for supporting Castillo and demanding return of church lands and proclamation of Catholicism as a state religion; but "it is the United Fruit Co. which today claims the dividends of its 'gamble.'"

WILL HE BE SENT TO DIE?
Jaime Rosenberg, former Guatemalan chief of security in the Arbenz government, shown in a Mexican jail, has lost a round in his fight to prevent extradition to Guatemala and certain death. Fifteen other exiles were arrested in Mexico.

The case of the Croatan Indians: Is Florida's Sheriff McCall the law?

ALLEN AND LAURA PLATT, Croatan Indians, used to live in Holly Hill, S.C., where they were treated "white"—all children of the Croatan Colony being admitted without question to white schools. They moved to Mt. Dora, Fla. Mt. Dora is in the same county—Lake—as Groveland, site of the famous "rape" case of 1949 which resulted in the mob-shooting of one Negro, sentencing of another to life on the chain-gang and of two more—Samuel Shepherd and Walter Lee Irvin—to electrocution.

The sheriff of Lake County is Willis V. McCall who, while transporting the unarmed, handcuffed Shepherd and Irvin in 1951 to a new trial ordered by the U.S. Supreme Court, shot Shepherd dead and wounded Irvin. Recently, speaking at a Milford (Del.) rally against school integration with "Natl. Assn. for Advancement of White People" pres. Bryant W. Bowles, he boasted that the 1951 bomb-murder of Harry T. and Mrs. Harriet Moore, Florida leaders of the NAACP, hadn't been solved and that the NAACP had been "run out" of the state. Bowles appointed McCall "national director" of the "NAAWP."

In Lake County, according to a school principal, Sheriff McCall's word is "law." When the Platt family came there, McCall took one look at 17-year-old Daniel Platt's dark complexion and Laura Bell's full-sized nose and pronounced them "niggers" unfit to attend Mt. Dora's school.

AN EDITOR FIGHTS: McCall's pronouncement roused the ire of Mrs. Mabel Norris Reese, editor of the 1,600-circulation Mt. Dora **Topic.** The paper has won several merit awards since she and her husband Paul, who is publisher, bought it eight years ago.

Mrs. Reese blasted McCall in the **Topic** and called upon the district attorney to demand an FBI investigation of the denial of the children's civil liberties. The St. Petersburg **Times** picked up her story, interviewed the Platts, took up the cudgel for the children. It was then that the Reeses came under personal attack.

Flaming crosses night after night lighted the Negro section, because Negroes were considered beneficiaries of the Supreme Court anti-jimcrow decision. They also blazed in front of the Reeses' home. "KKK" was smeared in red paint on the front of the **Topic** office. A crude cross was daubed elsewhere on the building. A few nights later their watchdog was poisoned. They are continuing the fight, upholding the Supreme Court's decision.

The FBI supposedly is investigating the civil liberties issue in the case; is silent on the terror. Platt told the **Times:**

"All I want is for my children to have an education, the thing my wife and I were deprived of."

Irvin: still hope

Walter Lee Irvin was to have been electrocuted the week of Nov. 8, but the NAACP won a stay from the U.S. Supreme Court which is considering whether to hear arguments for a new trial. GUARDIAN readers may still urge Gov. Charley Johns, Tallahassee, Fla., to commute Irvin's sentence to life imprisonment.

L. A. church gets first Rights fund grant

The First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles, of which the Rev Stephen Fritchman is pastor, is the recipient of the first grant of $1,000 from the Bill of Rights Fund, fund chairman Corliss Lamont announced last month. The fund was organized to aid persons and groups defending civil liberties in the U.S. The church is one of several fighting the new California requirement of a loyalty oath from religious, educational and charitable institutions as a condition for tax exemption.

The church calls the requirement "an attempt by the state to control the conscience of the church." Trying to raise $10,000 for the legal fight, it plans to pay the tax and later sue to recover it.

ULLMAN THE VICTIM

Ex-Air Force major faces first test of immunity law

FIRST test of the Brownell witness "immunity" law, under which victims of red-hunting Congressional committees and federal grand juries can be jailed for contempt if they invoke the Fifth Amendment, is now in the works and a decision is expected soon. The victim: William Ludwig Ullman, former government employe with an exceptional record of service during the New Deal and World War II.

Ullman is one of many former government employes named by Elizabeth T. Bentley as members of "spy rings" furnishing information to Soviet agents. Secrecy surrounding current government efforts to revive her charges (all uncorroborated) was broken on Sat., Dec. 4, when the N.Y. **Daily News** reported it had learned that a government request for an "immunity" grant for Ullman was under advisement by Federal Judge Edward Weinfeld.

WHAT BENTLEY SAID: Ullman entered government service as an employe of the NRA in 1935; transferred four years later to the Treasury Dept., he worked closely with the late Harry Dexter White, who became assistant Secy. of the Treasury. In 1942 Ullman entered the army as a draftee, graduated the next year from Officer Candidate School and was assigned to highly important work connected with aircraft production. In 1944, while still in the service, he was again assigned to the Treasury where he became White's assistant and organization manager at the Bretton Woods monetary conference. During his years in Washington Ullman lived in the home of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, a government economist also named by Bentley as a "spy ring" member.

According to the Bentley story, Ullman photographed, for transmission to the Russians, thousands of government documents in an elaborate photographic workroom in the basement of Silvermaster's home, and was also "the man who cracked the date of D-Day and passed the secret to Silvermaster." On the first count the **News** reported:

> "Ullman, before at least two Congressional committees, pleaded the Fifth Amendment in refusing to say whether he had engaged in espionage and photographed secret government documents in the basement of Silvermaster's home for transmission to Moscow."

THE RECORD: The transcript of hearings in 1948 before the House Un-American Activities Committee shows this exchange (Ullman on the stand):

> "Q. You did not assist in taking pictures of any government documents?
> "A. That is correct.
> "Q. In the basement of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster's home?
> "A. That is correct.
> "Q. Did you ever furnish any information to Nathan Silvermaster?
> "A. Did I ever furnish any documents?
> "Q. Any documents to Nathan Gregory Silvermaster.
> "A. No.
> "Q. Did you ever furnish any information to Nathan Gregory Silvermaster obtained in your official capacity in the army?
> "A. No."

Herblock in Washington Post

Asked if he ever furnished any information to Elizabeth T. Bentley, Ullman likewise answered "No." Author Dan Gillmor in his recently-published **Fear, the Accuser** has this to say about the D-Day charge:

> "She also told the committee that, thanks to Mr. Ullman, 'we knew D-Day long before D-Day happened, and we were right.' This is a happy coincidence, since Gen. Eisenhower relates in **Crusade in Europe** that because of the uncertainties of weather, the General himself could not know the exact date. Moreover, he kept the Russians up to the minute on his plans for 'Operation Overlord' unassisted by Miss Bentley or Mr. Ullman. He informed Maj. Gen. John R. Deane, chief of the U.S. Military Mission in Moscow, who in turn passed the word to Soviet Chief of Staff Gen. A. E. Antonov."

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THE POLAR ROUTE TO DESERVED ACCLAIM

Linus Pauling, noted scientist and defender of free thought in America, is shown with his family as he boarded an airliner in Los Angeles to fly over the Polar route to Stockholm. There he will receive the 1954 Nobel Prize for chemistry. Twice before the government reluctantly gave him limited passports. This time he challenged the government in advance. Evidently the government did not pick up the challenge.

NEGRO NEWS ROUNDUP

NAACP cautions film studios against plans to remake 'Birth of a Nation'

THOMAS DIXON'S Ku Klux Klan-Reconstruction novel **The Clansman** was made into D. W. Griffith's film **Birth of a Nation**, released in 1915. When a recent Hollywood report said the movie would be remade in color for wide-screen showing, the NAACP found "cause for deep concern to all who know of the great damage the original version did in slandering the entire Negro American population through naked incitement to hatred and violence." Reminding Ted Thal, alleged head of the group sponsoring revival, that it is "more than 75 years since the period depicted in **The Clansman** and 40 years since the film was first released," NAACP warned that

> ". . . revival of the unashamed and undisguised racial animosities of that era in the middle of the 20th century, following two world wars and unparalleled progress in race relations, can do little except to inflame the still uninformed. . . . In light of the U.S. Supreme Court decisions in the school segregation cases and its impact upon our country and the world, the new film version of this inflammatory novel cannot escape being regarded as an effort . . . to encourage the 1876 rather than the 1955 view of Negroes . . . and as a roadblock to the orderly and just attainment of rights."

"UNKNOWN ASSAILANT": The NAACP Nov. 12 asked the U.S. Supreme Court to set aside the conviction and death sentence of Jeremiah Reeves, 19 and "emotionally unbalanced," for alleged rape of a white woman in Alabama in 1952. An all-white male jury convicted him although it was brought out at the trial that Reeves had been arrested four months after the woman said she was attacked by "an unknown assailant"; barred from family, friends or counsel for three days while held in Alabama's Kilby prison; questioned in a room with an electric chair and told he wouldn't die if he confessed. The trial judge cleared the courtroom of all except witnesses and court officials; and a juror proved to be chief of the Montgomery Reserve Police Force, organized to catch "alleged Negro rapists," and to have helped catch Reeves.

A year ago Alabama's Supreme Court denied a rehearing; the U.S. high court granted a hearing last June 7. Reeves' defense is led by Thurgood Marshall, victor in the Supreme Court anti-jimcrow school decision.

DIXIE PEONAGE: In Mississippi a 21-year-old Negro sharecropper, D. C. Lofton, was aided by the state NAACP in filing an affidavit with the FBI charging plantation owner A. A. Mabus was holding 16-year-old Mrs. Lizzie Belle Lofton and the Lofton infant, after "brutally beating" the wife because "she refused to leave her ill baby to pick cotton." To prevent the young woman's parents—also tenants on the plantation—from leaving, Mabus, the affidavit said, had them arrested "for selling whiskey." Mississippi Gov. Hugh White, when appealed to by the NAACP, said he had no authority to intervene. The FBI promised to "investigate" but, after nearly a month, has reported nothing.

A local social-work agency was told, when it volunteered to get Mrs. Lofton's release, that she could leave whenever she wished—provided her husband came and got her. Appealing for help in Jackson, he feared to take the 125-mile trip back to the plantation. The NAACP told the GUARDIAN this week there was "nothing new" in the case.

AFTER PROTEST

Students, paper win Minnesota hearing for Helen Sobell

DEAN of Students E. G. Williamson at the University of Minnesota had misgivings when the campus Socialist Club invited Mrs. Helen Sobell to speak before it in a plea for her husband, Morton, now serving a 30-year sentence in Alcatraz. No such misgivings beset either the Senate Committee on Student Affairs or the editors of **The Minnesota Daily** which, with a 20,000-copy daily press run, boasts the "world's largest college circulation." Both the committee and the paper forthrightly defended Mrs. Sobell's right to speak, and the meeting was held on schedule on Friday, Dec. 3.

The meeting room (177 seats) was filled to capacity. When the talk and the discussion were done, 30 persons present signed their names on telegrams to Federal Prison Dir. James V. Bennett urging that Sobell be transferred to a less harsh prison.

"A RIGHT TO BE HEARD": To the dean Mrs. Sobell's topic

> ". . . seemed . . . to be a personal cause that may have little educational value for us unless the speaker uses her opportunity to explain some alleged weakness in our system of justice or security, or something else of great significance to all of us at the University."

The Senate Committee disagreed, saw the speech as providing "an opportunity for us to examine the manner in which our country guards its security and the rights of individuals," and recommended it be heard. Next day the dean, "with some reluctance," approved. The campus applauded the approval, had this to say of the dean's position:

> "The dean indicates he has doubts about the educational value of Mrs. Sobell's speech, that she is here speaking for a 'personal cause.' Yet her personal cause, as outlined to us in a memo circulated by the student activities bureau, is one concerning basic American rights: fair trial and penalty fixting the crime. Mrs. Sobell feels these rights were violated under the American judicial system. She has a right to be heard."

HELEN SOBELL
They wanted to hear

From Minneapolis Mrs. Sobell went on to San Francisco to visit her husband who has been in Alcatraz, the nation's toughest prison, since Thanksgiving Day, 1953. He was convicted in March, 1951, together with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, on a charge of conspiring to commit espionage. Like the Rosenbergs, he has persistently maintained his innocence. On Nov. 14 Mrs. Sobell charged her husband has recently been "harassed" by visits from FBI men suggesting he change his testimony.

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Why the people of France will never accept a rearmed Germany

(Excerpted from a report in the Washington Star, Dec. 1, from its Paris correspondent Crosby S. Noyes.)

TODAY in France the government is working hard to set the stage for German rearmament. The timing of the fateful step is set for Dec. 14, when the National Assembly starts debating the Paris agreements.

To an outsider, it seems like a strange time for the exhibition that opened recently at the government-operated Musee Pedagogique in the Rue d'Ulm. The "Exposition of the Resistance, Deportation and Liberation," by order of the Minister of Education, Mr. Bertoin, rates as one of the most important in France. During the coming weeks, it is a required part of the education of some 25,000 public school children in Paris.

The opening caused quite a stir in the Paris press. Said **Combat**: "It burns like the tears of memory, this exposition of a thousand sorrows. . . . And 10 years later, those who are inclined—already!—to forget, or those who do not know should go and see. . . ." Among all the papers in Paris, none offered the slightest criticism of the exhibition or the government's sense of timing.

"PERHAPS YOU REMEMBER": Any day, between 9 and 5, the museum is crowded with children being shown around the exhibit by special guides in groups of 50 or so. The wall is plastered with red and yellow posters, printed in French and German, bordered in black. A typical one:

> **"Notice! On December 16, 1941, a cowardly assassination was perpetrated on the person of a German soldier. As a measure of repression against this crime the following hostages have been shot. . . ."**

The 12 names that follow include home addresses covering a wide part of the Paris area. Another poster reads bluntly:

> **"If the murderers are not taken between now and October 25 at midnight, 50 more hostages will be shot. Signed: Von Stulpnagel."**

Around the large hall, the walls are lined with photographs, posters and showcases filled with unhappy mementos of war-time France. Signs above the pictures explain: "France was occupied, pillaged—the French people were cold and hungry." The guide is telling her party of schoolgirls:

> **"Perhaps some of you can still remember those days. . . . The Germans, you know, believe that they are better than other people. Their attacks on the Jews started long before they came to France. This yellow star is the sign that all Jews were forced to wear here in Paris. And next to it, the bill of sale of a Jew's property. And look over there at the photograph of a man who has been tortured by the Gestapo. Can you believe that it's a man's face?"**

l'Humanite, Paris

Adenauer: "They won't thrive by themselves—one has to cultivate them."

CHILDREN'S FACES: The children say little. As they pass along in front of the pictures showing the return of liberating French forces, the street fighting in Paris, the long rows of bodies, their faces have the pinched, intent look of youngsters trying hard to understand the powerful emotions of grown-ups. They leave the hall, stopping to stare at the wooden execution post, half cut in two by machinegun bullets. They peer at the bronze inscription: "From the torture-chamber of Issy les Moulineaux."

At that, the children are spared the real horror of the exhibition in the Musee Pedagogique. The "Hall of Deportation" is excluded from the school tour. And since the display includes every gruesome testimonial to Nazi brutality, the decision of the school authorities is understandable.

You enter the hall past life-size dummies dressed in the faded pajama-like prison uniforms of Buchenwald and Dachau. Here too, the walls are lined with huge pictures—each sickening photograph carrying its own eloquent message. In the showcases, the pathetic relics of prison life—letters, diaries and drawings of prisoners, rosaries carved out of wood, chessmen molded delicately from dry bread, a small bunch of withered violets gathered at Buchenwald.

Relics also of another kind: a book carefully bound—in human skin; blue cyanide crystals which need only water to release their deadly gas; an ordinary-looking iron bathtub, immortalized by the part it played in the refined cruelties of the Gestapo at their Paris headquarters in the Rue de la Pompe; curiously shaped instruments—manacles, tongs and truncheons—whose purpose is all too clear to many visitors to the museum.

THE SILENCE: On a rough board that once formed part of a prison cell, a penciled message:

> **"Before dying, the 27 hostages displayed admirable courage. They knew that their sacrifice would not be in vain and that the cause for which they fought would soon triumph. Long live the Communist Party! Long live France, liberated from her enemies."**

There is no talking in this room. Only the sound of squeaking shoes shuffling slowly past the exhibits. And in the silence you can feel the bitterness and anger and hatred take shape and grow until the weight of it becomes almost unbearable.

Outside on the street again, you are back in Paris, 1954. The doors close on the tragic and terrible memorial to the past. To the government official who sponsored this show it should come as no surprise that some one, on the wall outside, has scrawled the words:

"No arms for the Nazis! Down with the Paris-Bonn agreements!"

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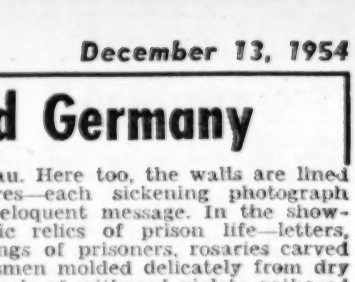

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THE ARTS

'Sandhog'

By James Aronson

A FOLK OPERA is playing in New York—the first non-synthetic one in years—which has restored theater-going to the pleasure-and-joy category. It is **Sandhog**, by Earl Robinson and Waldo Salt, at the Phoenix Theater (2d Av. at 12th St.), and if you're looking for a candidate for that annual holiday splurge for the whole family, this is it.

The authors have based what they call their "ballad in three acts" on a Theodore Dreiser short story, St. **Columba and the River**, about the construction of the first tunnel linking Manhattan and New Jersey under the Hudson River in the 1880's. They have recreated the time and the people in a fashion refreshingly different from the haw-haw nostalgia of Hollywood's super-soporific stereophonies.

PLAY AS A UNIT: There is, in this story of a young Irish immigrant who finds a job under the river and begins a family, a blending of love, privation, fun and oppression that gives the play point in its social setting without moral preachment.

The people are as complicated and as varied as your neighbors, their problems the same. They sing, love, work and dance without ever becoming stagey. The cast moves through the play as a unit—again a welcome departure from the contrived one-star show, with its glamour queen demolishing a lackey cast with the only good lines in the show.

WONDERFUL KIDS: Linking the scenes is a dancing chorus of kids who are the most lovable lot in the show. The choreography is by Sophie Maslow. If you've had your fill of mincing, muscle-bound chorus boys (who seem to have taken over the Broadway stage) you'll be delighted. The kids in pantomime and song provide a background for the grown-ups; their numbers blend with the major theme. Especially beautiful is their tunnel-building mime, a struggle with wooden hoops against an imaginary river.

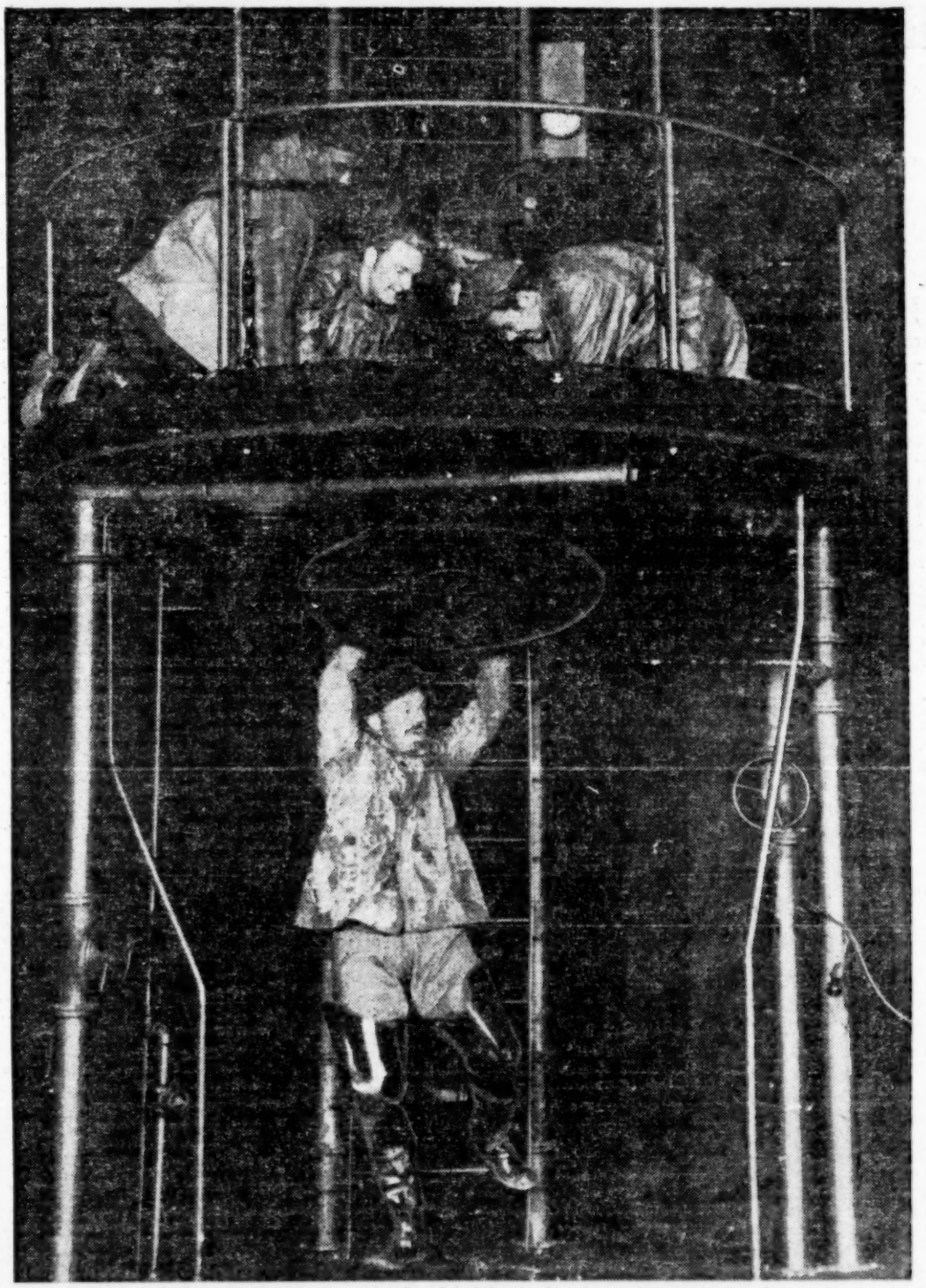
There are some grand songs too, most of which ought to find their way into an album for permanent enjoyment; a few might even crowd their way close to Tin Pan Alley's dissonant wailing wall.

REAL BAR-KEEP: It is hard to single out the best performers because they are all good. In the leading roles are Jack Cassidy, Alice Ghostley, David Brooks and Betty Oakes, all of them attractive actors and singers. Gordon Dilworth has a grand time with his Tammany saloon keeper.

Howard Bay has designed an ingenious single set which, with lighting switches, becomes a crowded flat, Sharkey's saloon, a city park, a decompression shaft and the tunnel itself. Howard Da Silva directed the production.

Sandhog will be at the Phoenix, which has been presenting repertory theater for six-week runs, until Jan. 3. The prices are lower than on Broadway. Don't miss it; it will stay with you for a long time afterwards in the warmest kind of a way.

Jack Cassidy and Betty Oakes as Johnny and Katie O'Sullivan



David Brooks (below) caught in the lid of the decompression chamber

The quartet at work in Sharkey's saloon

A bewildered Johnny gets a varied set of directions from the kids

NEW YORK

School inquisitors train guns on Supt. Jansen

By Elmer Bendiner

PROTESTANT circles are detecting echoes in the N.Y. City schools of the auto-da-fe —the ceremonial sentence pronounced by Church authorities of the Inquisition, who turned unco-operative "heretics" over to civil authorities for burning.

The outcry has come as the inquisition threatens to consume Supt. of Schools Wm. Jansen, once willing to co-operate but now drawing a firm line at confronting his teachers with the choice: inform or stop teaching. The **Newsletter**, organ of the Catholic Teachers Assn. of Brooklyn, has threatened:

". . . If Dr. Jansen and the Board of Education do not require these teachers to name Communist teachers, they are guilty of the same wrong."

JUDAS FORGOTTEN? On Sept. 18 the N.Y. **Times** queried each Board member, found three standing with Jansen against requiring teachers to inform, two for it, one undecided and three "unavailable for comment." On Nov. 27 the **Tablet**, organ of the Brooklyn Diocese, ran its check and found none "unavailable," only Andrew J. Clauson siding with Jansen, the rest joining the **Tablet's** own cry of inform or else.

The **Churchman**, liberal Protestant Episcopal bi-monthly, wrote: "The Catholic teachers seemingly wish to ensure that these inquiries become invested with the standard hall marks of the Catholic Inquisition—compulsion to inform upon other alleged heretics under torture and under the threat of the auto-da-fe. From the conquistadores until the liberation movements of the 19th Century, the Americas rang with this threat, but never our United States; until now! Protestants should be the last to acquiesce in a policy that was used to stamp out Lollards, Hussites and the Continental Reformation.

"Are the Catholic teachers edified by the picture of the moral degradation of the informer in the instance of Dr. Bella Dodd's role in the Case campaign in New Jersey? Have they forgotten the obloquy in which Christendom has held Judas Iscariot?"

The **Churchman** ended its editorial by applauding Jansen for "resisting those who would make the informer the pattern of model respectability."

TABLET vs. THE REST: Jansen has won support from the Teachers Guild, the Teachers Union and the Assn. of Teachers of Social Studies, all of whom in the past have bitterly criticized him. Jewish as well as Protestant papers cheered him. He will need all the support he can get if he is to withstand the pressure of the **Tablet**, which wields more influence in school affairs than the rest of the press combined. In Dec., 1949, when May Quinn

WILLIAM E. JANSEN
The worm turns

—twice found guilty of classroom bigotry—was nevertheless retained in her job, the N.Y. **Post** wrote:

"The danger is that the handful of teachers who share Miss Quinn's world view will regard her survival as new proof that anything goes—if the **Tablet** is on your side."

Tablet campaigns have won swift action from the Board of Education while those pressed by the N.Y. **Times** and high Protestant groups have been ignored or sidestepped. The **Tablet** in the past has championed Father Coughlin, the Christian Front, Hitler and Mussolini as outstanding "anti-Communists."

McCARTHY SAUCE: The **Tablet's** power is not in its editorial board but in its position as the voice of the Brooklyn Diocese, which has concentrated its attention on the city schools. Its views are generally seconded by Hearst's **Journal-American** and acted upon by the Catholic War Veterans and American Legion. The Diocesan view found its foremost spokesman within the Board of Education in George A. Timone, who sponsored Coughlin rallies before World War II. In the issue which printed the Board's replies to its questionnaire the **Tablet** ran on page one a call to attend the Madison Square Garden rally for Sen. McCarthy, whom it has consistently supported.

The school fight in N.Y. has long held ominous religious overtones. The hundreds of teachers quizzed and purged have been with rare exceptions Jewish. The Protestant Episcopal Diocese of N.Y., the Protestant Council of N.Y. and liberal unofficial Protestant magazines like the **Churchman** have sounded the alarm but lack the organization to buck an educational policy which must inevitably be tagged Roman Catholic.

MANDATORY PAPISM: That policy was summed up in 1925 by **America**, organ of the Jesuit order, which said: "That the Catholic and non-Catholic school systems are absolutely irreconcilable is an indisputable fact." Bishop John F. Noll of Ft. Wayne, Ind., founder and editor of **Our Sunday Visitor**, a Catholic family paper, later published a pamphlet entitled "Our National Enemy No. 1—Education Without Religion," in which he warned of the dangers of the American public school system or any education system without the Roman Catholic religion.

Liberal Catholic spokesmen have modified or in some cases repudiated that position; but the Diocese of Brooklyn has not, and the Diocesan position is the one currently brought to bear on the Board of Education. The fight has come to a showdown in the city over the demand that ex-Communist teachers demonstrate their ex-communism by informing; recanting alone is not enough.

The teachers who answered the Board's probing and recanted feel betrayed, particularly by Col. Arthur Levitt, newly-elected State Controller. When the inquisition began Levitt assured teachers a full confession of past heresy would be enough, that no questions would be asked concerning their colleagues. Answering the **Tablet's** quiz last month, Levitt joined the paper's demand for informers. The Board has asked the Corporation Counsel to rule on whether it can legally force ex-Communists to inform.

BRUSH FIRE: The Board announced that in five years of the witch-hunt 220 teachers had left under questioning or been fired; another 100 are now undergoing "preliminary" questioning; 55 or 60 ex-Communist teachers have retained their jobs, having "satisfied the Board" (presumably by informing); and 14 ex-Communists currently under investigation have failed to "satisfy the Board." Three Hunter College professors have recently been ousted because they did not inform. (Appeals are being taken to the courts.)

Corporation Counsel Saul Moskoff told the Denver **Post's** assoc. editor Lawrence Martin he "always tries to get suspects to give him names of other school employes who attended meetings or otherwise associated with subversive groups. Sometimes he gets names but mostly he doesn't." In a letter to the N.Y. **Times** (12/9), N.Y. Civil Liberties Union officials Charles A. Siepmann and R. Lawrence Siegel warned:

"If to inform is to be the measure of the good faith of ex-Communists, it is the measure of the good faith of us all. It therefore becomes incumbent on the board to summon to its presence not only suspect teachers but all teachers. There is no end to such procedure. Fed by the fires of its own ardor, such inquisition must spread, like a brush fire, until we are all enveloped in the flames."

Next week: The "faceless informers" and the FBI.

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The Fellowship of Reconciliation, sponsors of the meeting, advocates of a Gandhian technique of resistance, said the program will include tape-recorded excerpts of Houser's interviews with Chief Luthuli, Zulu president of the African Natl. Congress. Houser is a Methodist minister, Natl. Projects secy. of the Fellowship of Reconciliation and chairman of the Congress of Racial Equality.

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RENT CONTROL: The Residential Rent Control Law will expire on June 30, 1955, unless extended. The real estate lobby is preparing an even greater campaign to wipe out rent controls than it did in 1953, when it put over the 15% rent increase and other loopholes for landlords. Tenant and labor organizations can begin now to organize effective common action to extend and strengthen rent controls, wipe out the 15% increase, and halt evictions. Public hearings should be held in cities throughout the state, upon ample notice to the people, instead of having a single quickie hearing in Albany.

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TAXATION AND FINANCE: There have been inspired stories about a tight budget situation, about the need for "economies," and possible new consumer taxes. Unless pressed, the Democratic administration may take refuge in the alibi of "no funds" as an excuse for going along with a slash in state services by the Republican-controlled legislature. Urgently needed is a prompt rejection of any proposals to turn the clock back.

Depending on future revenue from legalized bingo or off-track betting is hardly a fiscal program, except for the big business lobby which will thus have its tax burden further reduced.

The state enabling laws which authorize local sales, payroll and auto parking taxes and similar unfair consumer levies should be repealed. In their place should be sharply increased state taxes on corporations and large inheritances, a state bond issue for new schools, increased state aid to communities, a drive for increased federal grants-in-aid for social welfare services, and an integrated state-wide program of public works to combat unemployment and to erect schools, hospitals, libraries and child care centers.

The bi-partisan shell game—with the Mayor blaming the Governor and the Governor blaming the Mayor—may now be changed in form, not effect. The new buck-passing may be from Harriman and Wagner on one hand to the Republican-controlled Legislature on the other. If permitted, this situation can continue the deprivation of funds urgently needed by the city. It is high time a long-range fiscal plan was enacted to assure a fair return of state-controlled taxes to New York City.

CIVIL LIBERTIES: Measures to amend the Feinberg Law to apply it to lawyers are scheduled for introduction. It is vital not only to defeat any such extension but to press for the law's repeal, as well as for the adoption of resolution memoralizing Congress to wipe off the statute books the Smith Act, McCarran and Walter-McCarran Acts, and the 1954 Communist Control Act.

ELECTIONS: There will be a renewed effort by Republicans and Democrats to restrict labor's political action by a 1955 version of the 1953 bi-partisan Erwin-Travia bills, designed to outlaw political expenditures through unions. All labor has a common stake in uniting against this scheme. Widespread non-partisan support is indicated in favor of a move to amend the Election Law by making permanent personal registration mandatory throughout the state. It is now merely permissive for New York City to install that system; it should be compelled by law to do so without further delay.

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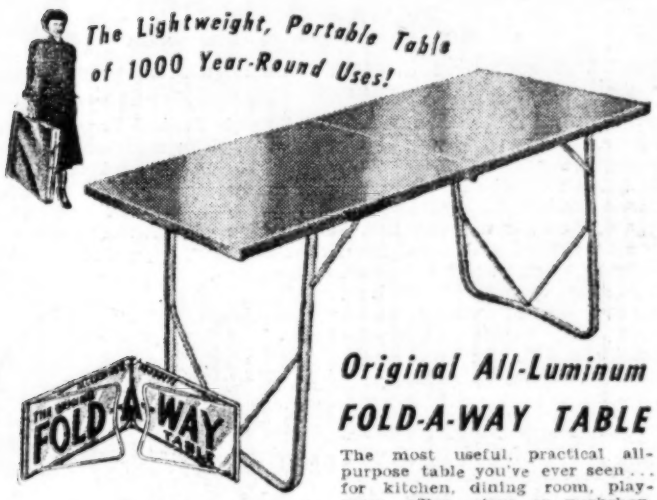

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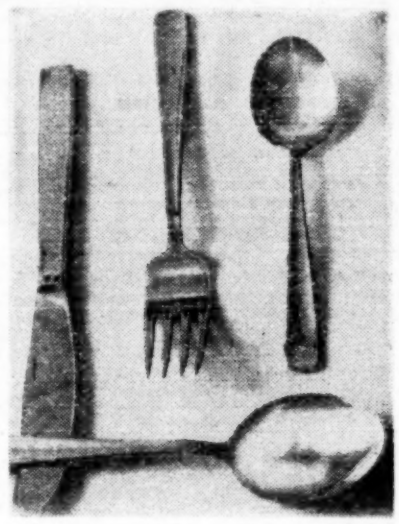

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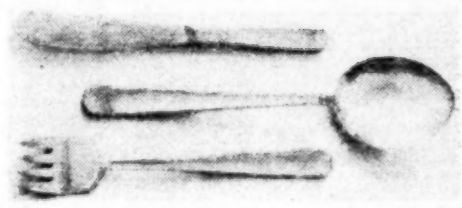

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